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## Romantic Career of the Cleopatra's Barge

(Continued from last week)

### The Perfidy of Liholiho

One of these trips deserves special mention. On one occasion King Liholiho, either from a drunken whim, or to carry out a crafty design, sailed for Ewa in an open sailboat, and then when he once got to sea compelled his attendants to continue the voyage to Waimea, Kauai. Arriving there the next day, he threw himself, entirely helpless, into the power of King Kaumualii. That noble chieftan instead of taking any advantage of Liholiho's defenseless condition, gave him a hospitable reception and sent his own brig to Honolulu to make known the king's safety and to carry his commands. In two days the five wives of Liholiho arrived on board the Cleopatra's Barge. The two kings then spent several weeks in a tour of the island of Kauai, and Kaumualii spared no pains or expense to give his royal guest the best kind of a time that he could devise, which in this case was mainly plenty of drink.

And what return did Liholiho make for this generous hospitality?

On their return to Waimea the king invited Kaumualii to spend a few hours aboard his flag-ship, the Haahoe O Hawaii, and while the unsuspecting prince was seated in the cabin, orders were secretly given to make sail, and he was torn from his kingdom, to remain henceforth a virtual prisoner of state in Honolulu.

### Drink Wrecks the Vessel

Under the best of circumstances these old Hawaiian chiefs were surrounded by a scurvy lot of beach-combers and reprobates. Naturally a weak and dissolute prince like Liholiho gathered this kind about him almost exclusively, and, it is a matter of no great surprise that the "Pride of Hawaii" was manned by a drunken, dissipated, irresponsible crew from the captain down to cabin boy. Nor is it a matter of any surprise that she should come to an untimely end.

### Dramatic Attempt at Salvage

This happened about the end of April, 1824 at Hanalei, where she was

stranded on the Monolau reef just off the mouth of the Waiole River.

The early missionary, Rev. Hiram Bingham, came to Waimea on a visit about this time and finding the chiefs and many of their effective followers had gone to Hanalei in response to the call for help to save the stranded vessel, he followed them thither, taking three days for the trip.

### A Home-Made Cable

On his arrival he found a large concourse of people busily engaged, under the leadership of the chiefs, in efforts to salvage the vessel. They collected from the woods and margins of the river near by, large quantities of hau bark, from which they made several thousand yards of strong rope. This they stranded together into three large twelve-fold cables. These three cables were then attached to the mainmast of the brig, a few feet above the deck, and then strung out inland in three parallel lines. The plan was by means of these cables to roll her bodily over the reef into the quiet water within, where she could be repaired, and then floated out through the channel.

### All Together-Pull!

Every available man was gathered up and distributed on the cable and when everything was ready, Kai-makani, the luna nut for the occasion, passed up and down the lines enjoining silence—nu-ke-hamau i kaleo. Then the official chantey man took up the chantey song and everyone stood tense and ready for action till the chorus "huke!" heave away, came and the three great lines of surging power strained the great cables so that the juice fairly ran out of them. The brig felt their power—rolled up slowly towards the shore until her side struck the solid wall of the reef; then she stopped, but the lines of men went on—something had to give. The mainmast broke short off and fell over into the quiet water within the reef.

These well-considered plans to save the vessel being fruitless and she being now in worse condition than before, they became discouraged and gave up the attempt, leaving her there. And there she remained until gradually the pounding surge of the Trade wind seas broke her up.

Mr. A. S. Wilcox, whom I interviewed a few years ago, relative to wreck-age from the Cleopatra's Barge gave his recollections substantially as follows:

When I was a boy, somewhere along in the 50s, I remember very distinctly the efforts of A. S. Nuuanu, a Hawaiian of a good deal of energy and executive, to recover materials from the wreck of the Cleopatra. He had a scow anchored out in front of Waipa, off the present Waipa bridge, and by means of divers he got up two iron cannon and some wooden wreckage, perhaps part of a capstan.

I remember my brother Edward, made a ruler out of a piece of the wood. The two cannon were about Hanalei for many years and indeed until comparatively within recent times.

Sometime ago I inquired about them and was told by Mrs. Deverill that they had been carried off by an English man-of-war.

Since I have built at Hanalei, I have wanted to get hold of them to set up in my yard, and failing the recovery of these, I reverted to the brass cannon, said to be imbedded in the bottom of the sea, where the Cleopatra was wrecked. Native fishermen report having seen such a cannon in a hole in the reef. I made an arrangement with Kabeleike to locate this cannon with a view to raising it, but thus far, we haven't found it. The shifting sand no doubt conceals it most of the time

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